



Application for Appointment to City of London Advisory Committees

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Please complete all fields. You may save and email your completed application to advisorycommittee@london.ca, or you may print it and mail it to the City Clerk's Office, London City Hall, PO Box 5035, London ON N6A 4L9.

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Application

I am interested in serving on the following committee(s): '

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling Advisory Committee |
| Do you have a disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Committee on the Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> London Advisory Committee on Heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Welfare Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> London Housing Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and Forests Advisory Committee |

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

I have not had experience on another London Advisory Committee. I have been part of the Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy - Priority 4 working group since fall 2020 and a non-voting member of London Transit Commission's Accessible Public Transit Service Advisory Committee since January 2019.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of an Advisory Committee? (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

I would like to learn more about the various barriers that community members face day-to-day in our community and learn from others some of the creative approaches that have been brought forward to address them. As a long-time staff member of the Alzheimer Society London & Middlesex and current Coordinator, Dementia Friendly Communities, I would like to contribute some of what I've learned from our clients living with dementia/cognitive impairment about the challenges they experience in their daily lives. For many years, dementia was not considered as a condition that caused disability, but this has changed thanks to the work of persons living with dementia advocating for their rights. (more - see attachment)



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How will you support the work of an Advisory Committee? (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

I will support the committee by sharing what I have learned about accessibility and inclusion for persons living with dementia (and care partners) and resources that might assist the work of the City in enhancing inclusion for all. What I've learned through my work on our Dementia Friendly Communities Project over the couple of years is that considering "dementia-friendly" often improves inclusion and accessibility for many others - especially others living with invisible disabilities. For example, an environmental consideration within a public building that is 'dementia-friendly' will likely also benefit others living with any disease injury or disorder that impacts the brain. (more - see attachment)

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as an Advisory Committee Member. (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

Earlier I have mentioned my involvement with other local accessibility and inclusion committees - I am learning a lot from the other members of these respective groups. I was an active member of the Age Friendly London Network for more than four years. I also co-facilitate monthly meetings with our own Client Advisory Council at the Alzheimer Society. Our Dementia Friendly Communities work is driven by the voice of lived experience. Personally, 15+ years ago, I saw the day-to-day impacts of a 'not' accessible community on my mother's ability to live well with dementia and I still see this today in my brother-in-law's experience. I hope to help change this for others who wish to be supported to live safely and well in their community.

Confirmations

I declare the following:

- I am a resident of London.'
- I am at least 18 years old.'
- I am not a City employee or Council member.'
- I understand that the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.'
- I understand that my application will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.'

By submitting this application for consideration, you are declaring that the information in your application is true.

The City of London has a strong commitment to workplace diversity and inclusion, and this commitment extends to our Advisory Committee appointments. An inclusive workplace creates a more supportive environment and ultimately helps us to provide better service to our diverse community.

Municipal Council approves all appointments. The appointment process is governed by [Council's policy on Advisory Committees](#). For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 519-661-2489, ext. 4599.

(Optional) How did you hear about this opportunity?

- City website'
- Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter) '
- Contact from the City Clerk's Office '
- Friend or co-worker'
- Printed newspaper advertisement '
- Other - specify